Bloom’s Taxonomy

Develop Critical Thinking Skills

Bloom’s Taxonomy is a hierarchy that begins with memorization (rote learning) and proceeds to higher levels of meaningful learning. Each level builds on the foundation that precedes it so you can apply knowledge in an increasingly sophisticated and useful way.

Use Bloom’s Taxonomy to learn problem-solving skills rather than just memorize your course work.

- **CREATE** - Build on the information:
  - invent, compose, formulate, hypothesize, design, construct

- **EVALUATE** - Justify the information:
  - assess, question, judge, argue, defend, critique

- **ANALYZE** - Question the information:
  - compare, contrast, investigate, sort, categorize, infer

- **APPLY** - Solve the problem:
  - manipulate, produce, examine, change, modify, calculate

- **UNDERSTAND** - Explain the information:
  - match, utilize, summarize, interpret, rewrite, restate

- **REMEMBER** - Memorize the information:
  - describe, identify, label, list, name, recite

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